



Atty. Docket No.: 011532

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Makoto HAZAMA

Confirmation No.: 5226

Serial Number: 10/003,120

Group Art Unit: 1631

Filed: December 6, 2001

Examiner: Andrew A. Kenedy

For: METHOD OF DETERMINING A BASE SEQUENCE FOR NUCLEIC ACID

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 17, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003 for two months from March 17, 2004 to May 17, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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